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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen, Treasurer, Auditors,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

TOWN OF CANTERBURY,

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING MARCH 1, 1879.

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REPORT.

Whole amount of taxes committed to collector for 1878,	$7,143.81
The Collector has discharged himself as follows:	
Paid town treasurer cash and road certificates and abatements,	$6,803.45
Amount remaining due from collector,	1,517.00
Whole amount of money on hand and received by the treasurer and selectmen, from March 1, 1878, to March 1, 1879,	12,057.19
Amount of payments for the same time,	10,429.79
Balance in hands of treasurer, March 1, 1879,	1,626.90

RECEIPTS.

Amount remaining in treasury, March 1, 1878,	$552.42
Received of M. B. Neal, collector for 1878,	6,803.45
State Treasurer, railroad tax,	158.13
" savings bank tax,	705.89
" literary fund,	88.43
Merrimack county,	623.87
Received on note of town to Mary E. Clough,	145.00
" " Jonathan K. Taylor,	60.00
" " James A. Simpson,	100.00
" " Thom. Clough, guardian,	214.00
" " Hannah Clough,	500.00
" " Shepard Phillips,	200.00
" " William Whitcher,	400.00

Received on note of town to	Sally G. and Eliza Randall,		$100.00
"	"	Andrew J. Taylor,	450.00
"	"	Almon J. Small,	5.00
"	"	Walter M. Small,	8.00
"	"	Mrs. Maria Currier,	300.00
"	"	Luther Sargent,	200.00
"	"	Tristram Dearborn,	74.00
"	"	Charles M. Emery,	300.00
Received of Stephen Wiggin, on his note,			20.00
W. H. Carter, for sale of cemetery lots,			32.00
for grass in cemetery,			5.00
of town of Boscawen, for repairs on bridge,			8.00
E. Osgood, for lots at Maple Grove Cemetery,			9.00
			$12,057.19

EXPENDITURES.

Payment on Notes.

Paid Hiram Miles,	$1,396.50
George A. Pickard,	148.80
Joseph Pickard,	113.00
Grover Merrill,	320.00
Sarah J. Miles,	195.85
James S. Elkins, treasurer F. W. B. Society,	49.45
Hannah H. Clough,	509.36
James S. Elkins,	450.00
Judith Williams,	577.50
Shepard Phillips,	203.60
Ebenezer Glover,	3.00
	$3,967.06

Miscellaneous Bills.

Paid Edson C. Eastman, for stationery,	$5.96
Republican Press Association, for printing reports,	31.50
C. W. Hancock, overtax on horses, 1877,	4.26
Charles H. Colby, overtax, 1877,	1.00
Nathaniel Bradley, damage on wagon,	2.95
Mrs. T. L. Whidden, land damage,	1.50
George S. Morrill, surveying highway,	3.00

Paid Josiah B. Sanborn, for stationery,	$1.50
County tax,	1,692.26
H. Cudwath, examining records, John Lee case,	.50
Samuel Sargent, damage to carriage,	5.50
Josiah B. Sanborn, for pamphlet laws and books,	3.42
W. H. Carter, interest on B. Whidden fund,	12.00
Polly Gilman, overtax in 1878,	2.18
Joseph Heath, for watering-trough,	3.00
Moore Manufacturing Co., for guide-boards,	21.00
Freight on guide-boards,	.30
E. L. Batchelder, damage on wagon,	1.25
Uri W. Latty, damage on sleigh,	20.00
P. C. Clough, putting up and repairing guide-boards,	5.00
E. Osgood, for watering-trough,	3.00
Legal counsel,	1.00
James Doldt, for watering-trough,	2.00
D. M. Foster, for wood,	3.00
State tax,	1,352.00
P. C. Clough, for moving, repairing, and furnishing tramp-house,	9.25
Legal advice,	1.00
E. S. Pickard, non-resident highway tax, 1877,	2.25
Rufus Boynton, " " 1877,	6.00
Joseph M. Foster, school-house tax, District No. 7,	100.00
Milton B. Neal, administrator of estate of Peter Paro for house for tramps,	16.60
for maps for schools,	35.00
W. H. Carter, for work moving tramp-house,	1.50
M. F. Emery, " "	3.00
M. B. Neal, " "	1.75
J. K. Chandler, for lighting bridge in 1877,	20.00
J. K. Chandler, for snowing bridge and clearing road of snow in 1876 and 1877,	5.00
Selectmen, bounties on hawks,	11.40
" " foxes,	15.50
P. C. Clough, postage and envelopes,	1.75
John L. Adams, for work at Baptist meeting-house cemetery,	1.50
Guide-posts and setting,	3.00
L. Sargent, abatement of tax on cow that died,	.31
Non-resident highway receipts and abatements,	168.45
	$3,582.34

Roads and Bridges.

Paid Frank Peverly, work on Boscawen bridge,	$10.00
P. C. Clough, " "	5.00
P. C. Clough, work and drawing lumber to Boscawen bridge,	3.00
E. Osgood, work on Boscawen bridge,	5.00
E. Osgood, for railing bridge,	3.00
Frank Peverly, work on Fisherville bridge,	2.00
P. C. Clough, " "	5.00
C. H. Ayers, for bridge plank,	12.00
C. H. Ayers, for work on highway, contracted in 1877,	25.00
P. C. Clough, work on highway,	10.00
Joseph J. Bartlett, work on highway in 1876 and 1878,	3.50
Daniel Randall, work on highway,	7.50
Josiah Jones, for work on bridge, and plank, in 1877,	6.00
Bradley H. Kenney, lumber for bridge,	4.62
C. W. Carter, for nails,	.60
W. H. Carter, work on roads and bridges,	5.75
Albert Blanchard, for drawing rubble,	3.00
A. J. Dearborn, "	18.00
George P. Morrill, "	10.00
P. H. Jones, for labor on road,	11.25
	$150.22

School Money.

Dist. No.	1.	Charles H. Colby,	$180.01
	2.	Charles Peverly,	66.46
	3.	Smith L. Morrill,	97.56
	4.	Alonzo B. Lovering,	141.99
	5.	John Glines,	100.33
	6.	William M. Cogswell,	125.78
	7.	Albert B. Clough,	243.13
	8.	Nicholas A. Briggs,	154.51
	9.	John S. Nelson,	32.65
	10.	David M. Clough,	80.35
	11.	Joseph Heath,	58.78

Dist. No. 12. Loudon.	Byron K. Neal,	$60.83
	Samuel Neal,	9.50
		$1,351.88

Support of Paupers.

Paid Mary C. Carter, for support of Ida Bagley—county,	$45.24
Polly Shaw—county,	75.00
Martha Stevens—county,	102.20
Charles M. Davis—county,	80.20
Henry L. Battis—county,	17.25
Nathaniel F. Battis—county,	9.45
Transient pauper—county,	6.00
Joseph Faulkner—county,	64.45
Cornelius Braley—county,	12.11
Nathaniel H. Battis—county,	152.78
William and John Avery—county,	61.19
Mrs. Sarah Currier—town,	90.50
Milly Grover,	63.01
William H. Carter, for tramps,	1.50
Millard F. Emery, for tramps,	13.50
Frank A. Bennett, for tramps,	2.70
Alfred H. Brown, for provisions furnished for tramps,	3.52
For burial of William Avery,	3.50
" Henry L. Battis,	3.50
State Reform School, for support of John Lee,	80.14
P. C. Clough, overseer of poor,	49.00
	$936.74

Town Officers.

Paid P. C. Clough, services and expenses as selectman,	$111.00
M. F. Emery, " " "	68.00
W. H. Carter, " " "	64.00
A. H. Brown, services as town-clerk,	25.00
M. B. Neal, services as collector,	89.30
Luther Sargent, treasurer,	30.00
" " supt. school committee,	21.00
C. W. Emery, " " "	16.75
John Ham, " " "	13.00
Auditors,	3.50
	$441.55

RECAPITULATION.

Paid on notes, including interest,	$3,967.06
miscellaneous bills,	3,582.34
roads and bridges,	150.22
support of schools,	1,351.88
" paupers,	936.74
town officers,	441.55
	$10,429.79

FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE TOWN,
MARCH 1, 1879.

Notes and Interest.

Mittie C. Emery,	$291.69
John Glines,	198.81
Sarah A. Evans,	46.84
Dora S. Evans,	41.43
Eunice Morse,	106.87
Ebenezer Glover,	65.23
Silas U. Heath,	122.54
Sally G. and Eliza Randall,	3,136.90
Lydia Carter,	52.37
Hazen Dicy,	1,582.88
Fred. W. Ingalls,	169.24
Ellen L. Carter,	42.14
Betsey S. Morrill,	424.32
James S. Elkins,	673.48
Phebe S. Cofran,	145.60
Grover Merrill,	478.42
Joseph Pickard,	150.10
Mary E. Clough,	166.16
May E. Cawley,	184.47
Shepard Phillips,	1,383.08
Judith Williams,	153.67
Alvin N. Pickard,	79.26
Charles F. Adams,	34.04
Mary A. Kilton,	61.26
George H. Ingalls,	135.20
James A. Simpson,	313.13
Mary E. Clough,	151.28
Jonathan K. Taylor,	62.08
Thomas Clough, Guardian,	217.32

Maria M. Currier,		$307.00
Luther Sargent,		202.66
William Whitcher,		404.53
Tristram Dearborn, Guardian,		75.05
Almon J. Small,		5.05
Charles M. Emery,		302.40
Walter M. Small,		8.05
F. W. B. Society,		1,206.10
Amount of liabilities on notes,		$13,180.65
Due from collector Neal,	$1,517.00	
Charles Smith,	138.17	
Stephen Wiggin,	35.52	
Balance in hands of treasurers,	1,626.90	
		$3,317.59
Balance against the town,		$9,863.06
Amount of Literary fund,		$1,336.13
Amount held in trust from B. Whidden estate,		$200.00

PHILLIP C. CLOUGH,
MILLARD F. EMERY,
WILLIAM H. CARTER,
Selectmen of Canterbury.

LUTHER SARGENT, *Treasurer.*

We, the undersigned, appointed to audit the accounts of the selectmen and treasurer for the year ending March, 1879, have attended to our duty, and find said accounts correctly cast and properly vouched.

J. G. CLOUGH,
C. N. CLOUGH,
Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT.

District No. 1 *(Blanchard)*.

Summer term taught by Miss Anna G. Gale. Wages per month, $13.75; number of weeks, 10; number of scholars, 34; average, 29. Miss Gale is a hard-working teacher, and evidently tried hard to interest and benefit her pupils. This school has a large number of small scholars, but the teacher succeeded in interesting them, and, on the whole, we think the school was full an average success.

Fall term taught by Miss Addie L. Flanders, of Boscawen. Wages per month, $18.80; number of weeks, 10; number of scholars 29; average, 25. This was a well-qualified teacher, but from some unexplained cause, the school was nearly a failure.

Winter term instructed by Oliver L. Cross, of Northfield. Wages per month, $26.80; number of weeks, 11; number of scholars, 24; average, 22. This was a profitable term. That almost indispensable article, good order, was found here, and the school showed that both teacher and pupils had done their duty.

District No. 2 *(West Road)*.

Miss Emma J. Morrill, of East Concord, conducted this school throughout the year. Wages per month, $17; number of weeks, 15; number of scholars, 11; average, 11. She succeeded at once in getting hold of her school, and in interesting her pupils in their work. Prompt and intelligent answers to questions were returned, and good order was maintained. Commendable improvement followed as a natural result.

District No. 3 *(Borough).*

Miss Bessie S. Morrill, of Tilton, taught the summer term. Wages per month, $16; number of weeks, 8; number of scholars, 6; average, 5¾. At our first visit, a lack of energy and enthusiasm, both on the part of the teacher and the scholars, was noticed, but this fault was, in a measure, corrected before the close of the term, and a fair degree of improvement was made in the various branches taught.

Miss Minnie F. Gale began her school-teaching experience here in the fall. Like most beginners, she threw herself into the work with commendable zeal, and was rewarded with a good measure of success, if we may credit the testimony of the patrons of the school, for we cannot speak from personal observation, not being able to be present at the closing examination. Wages per month, $16; number of weeks, 12; number of scholars, 7; average, 6.

District No. 4 *(Baptist).*

Summer term taught by Mrs. Emma F. Bronson. Wages per month, $25; number of weeks, 8; number of scholars, 11; average, 10¾. Under Mrs. Bronson's efficient management, the differences which have been reported as existing in this district, to the injury of the school, seemed to disappear, and we are able to report a pleasant and profitable term of school. The exercises at the close indicated careful and laborious teaching and good improvement.

Winter term taught by Miss Etta A. Kimball, of Concord. Wages per month, $28; number of weeks, 11; number of scholars, 16; average, 15½. A young teacher, but very much devoted to her chosen profession. The utmost harmony seemed to exist between teacher and scholars, and good order was secured with very little apparent effort. Pretty good improvement, that in written arithmetic being specially noticeable.

District No. 5 *(Hackleborough).*

Summer term was under the instruction of Miss Martha J. Foster. Wages per month, $18; number of weeks, 8; number

of scholars, 20; average, 19. Miss Foster has had much experience in teaching, and in this case fully sustained her former high reputation as an efficient and successful instructor. Good order existed here, and rapid and thorough progress was made in the various branches taught.

Winter term,—wages per month, $28; number of weeks, 9; number of scholars, 19; average, 18½. This school, under the instruction of M. Lizzie Whittemore, of Loudon, sustained its former well-earned reputation, proving that good teachers make good scholars, and, as a natural consequence, good schools. Good improvement was made, and the school was a complete success.

District No. 6 *(Hill's Corner)*.

Summer term taught by Miss Anna E. Sanborn. Wages per month, $23; number of weeks, 9; number of scholars, 21; average, 18. Miss Sanborn sustained her reputation as an earnest and laborious teacher, but an unfortunate occurrence during the progress of the term, of which it may not be necessary to speak further here, somewhat impaired her usefulness in this school.

Winter term, Miss Sarah M. Colby, teacher. Wages per month, $22; number of weeks, 11; number of scholars, 21; average, 17. Of this term we are unable to speak as favorably as we could wish. A lack of energy on the part of the teacher was attended by its inevitable accompaniments,—apathy and indifference on that of the scholar.

District No. 7 *(Centre)*.

This school has been taught for four successive terms by Miss Emma J. Jones. Wages per month in summer, $32; number of weeks, 10; number of scholars, 32; average, 30. Wages in winter, $42; number of weeks, 15; number of scholars, 46; average, 38. The results of the labors of a conscientious, thorough, and painstaking teacher are apparent. An unusual degree of interest in their work was shown by the scholars, and good or-

der, promptness, and cheerful obedience were marked characteristics of the school. The tone of the compositions and selections read and recited at the closing examinations, and the gentlemanly and lady-like deportment of all the scholars, showed that their moral and social as well as intellectual training had not been neglected. The school was in all respects a marked success. The friends and patrons of the school manifested their appreciation by frequent visits, and by attending the closing exercises in large numbers.

District No. 8 (*Shaker's*).

Summer term was taught by Miss L. Jeanette Forest. Wages per month, $23.75; number of weeks, 14; number of scholars, 19; average, 14. Much interest is taken in their schools in this community, and some of the leading features are good order, system, and thoroughness, and a due regard to the moral and social training of their pupils. More attention is given to reading and penmanship in this school, and rightly, too, than in any other in town. Music and drawing are taught here with highly beneficial results. This term was a very profitable one.

The winter term was taught by Miss Asenath C. Stickney, who has had charge of the school, with the exception of a few terms, for several years, and it seems almost unnecessary to say that her schools are invariably successful, and no errors escape her critical notice. This school, in all respects, was a success.

Wages, winter term, per month, $23.75; number of weeks, 12; number of scholars, 15; average, 12.

District No. 9 (*Union*).

Summer term taught by Miss Nellie B. Nelson. Wages per month, $16; number of weeks, 8; number of scholars, 12; average, 6. Owing to the failure of the notice of the closing examination to reach us in season, your committee are unable to report the condition of the school at its close; but at our first visit a very favorable impression was made by both teacher and

scholars, and we promised ourselves the pleasure of giving a favorable report, a pleasure which would doubtless have been realized had circumstances permitted us to be present at its close.

Winter term was taught by Miss Angie S. French. Wages per month, $16; number of weeks, 8; number of scholars, 14; average, 12. During the early part of this term some dissatisfaction, on the part of a portion of the parents, resulted in the temporary withdrawal of some of the scholars, but during the latter part a better state of feeling seemed to prevail, and at the final examination the school, considering the number and age of its members, made a creditable appearance.

District No. 10 *(Depot)*.

Taught by Miss Nellie M. Brown, of Tilton. Wages per month, $20; number of weeks, 13; number of scholars, 10; average, 9.

Miss Brown is a normal teacher of some experience, and labored throughout the term for the good of her school. More was attempted than could be successfully carried out, and for that reason, perhaps, the school failed to make as much progress as could have been reasonably expected.

District No. 11 *(Upper Intervale)*.

Taught by Miss Etta F. Heath throughout the year. Wages per month, $20; number of weeks, summer 7, winter 4; number of scholars, summer, 8, winter, 16; average, summer, 7½, winter, 14½. In the first term a marked improvement was manifested in nearly every class, and, considering the shortness of the term, we think the school did *well.*

During the second term it was apparent there was not that unity of feeling existing here that is so essential to the welfare of our schools, and very naturally produced its corresponding results. The teacher was much interested in her work, and those scholars who seconded her efforts made fair progress.

District No. 12 *(Carter)*.

Miss Mabel C. Gage, of Fisherville, began the school, but at the end of four weeks was compelled to leave on account of sickness. She was succeeded by Miss Lizzie M. Gage, who completed the term. Although the school was small, and suffered somewhat from interruptions, considerable improvement was apparent. Wages per month, $16.80; number of weeks, 13; number of scholars, 4; average, 2.

The wages noted above include the board of teachers.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Scholars who have been neither absent nor tardy.

No. 1, Summer.

Grace Colby,
Sarah A. Colby.

Winter.

Joseph H. Scales,
Rose M. Colby,
Sarah A. Colby,
Lucia A. Scales,
Catie J. Stone.

No. 2, Summer.

Georgia A. Moody.

Winter.

Georgia A. Moody,
Emma C. Randall,
Josiah B. Higgins.

No. 3, Summer.

Joey S. Morrill,
Johnny H. Morrill.

Winter.

Joey S. Morrill,
Johnny H. Morrill.

No. 4, Summer.

Fannie E. Beck,
Belle F. Davis,
Jennie S. Glines,
Jennie L. Hill.

Winter.

Jennie L. Hill,
Jennie S. Glines,
Anna Fletcher,
Annette Fletcher,
Belle F. Davis,
Frank Gilman.

No. 5, Summer.

Seth W. Jones,
George J. Sargent,
Sammy W. Lake,
Lyman B. Foster,
Frank A. Pickard,
Jonathan B. Foster, Jr.

Winter.

Mary S. Jones,
Mary E. Pickard,
George J. Sargent,
Seth W. Jones,
George T. Foster,
Lyman B. Foster,
Charles T. Foster,
Jonathan B. Foster, Jr.,
Frank A. Pickard,
C. Henry Pickard,
Sammy W. Lake,
Robert J. Smith.

No. 6, Summer.

Allida M. Cogswell,

Warner B. Cogswell,
Frank D. Lyford.

No. 7, Summer.

Florence G. Bagley,
Mamie M. Emery,
Abbie J. Emery,
Louisa M. Emery,
Cora J. Kilton,
Lillie M. Morrill,
Elma Morrill,
Anna T. Morrill,
Georgie Kimball,
Almon J. Small.

Winter.

Florence G. Chase,
Mamie M. Emery.

No. 8, Summer.

Mary A. Wilson,
Emma J. Wilson,
Viola Clinton,
Betsey Wright,
Ida Lockey.

Winter.

Charles Watson,
Fred Wing,
George Pierce,
Waldo Caldwell,
Richard Clinton,
Walter Wilson,
Albertus E. Newton,
Joseph Johnson,
Burnham Church,
Forest White.

No. 10.

Herbert L. Brown.

No. 11, Summer.

Ira L Colby,
George A. Colby,
Arthur M. Colby.

Winter.

Addie M. Heath,
Clara Pickard,
Alvora J. Battis,
Frank A. Heath,
Ira L. Colby,
George A. Colby,
David A. Battis,
Frank M. Pickard.

Fellow-Citizens:—The report of the several terms in the various schools is before you. It remains for us to present a few thoughts which have suggested themselves to us during the past year.

Our people, for the most part, have shown a commendable interest in the schools,—more, we think, than ever before. This interest has been manifested, not only by attending the closing examinations in larger numbers, but by frequent visits to the schools, by carrying their children to and from school in order to insure their regular attendance, and in various other ways. But while this is the case generally, we are sorry to notice that there is not that degree of harmony and good feeling existing in some of the districts that there should be. We cannot too earnestly protest against these senseless and generally causeless quarrels. When carried into the school-room, they lead to one inevitable result, the ruin of the school. It is to be hoped that the good sense of the people will prevail, and that in the future we shall hear no more of these petty differences.

As it is the duty of the Prudential committee to select our teachers, it is important that this officer should be a person of wisdom and discernment. He should be chosen because he is fitted for the place, and not because he has some selfish designs to carry out, or can be made an instrument for carrying out those of others; and once chosen, if he proves himself an efficient officer, keep him in office as long as you can. Let districts follow this course, and they will take a long step towards improving the condition of their schools.

Of the qualifications a teacher should possess, it is hardly necessary that we should speak here. Suffice it to say, that some of the districts have been exceedingly fortunate in securing first-class teachers. Such districts would do well to retain their services as long as possible. It is a great but common mistake, to suppose that the longer term a district can have for its money, the better. A short term, conducted by a thoroughly competent teacher, is worth vastly more than a long one, managed by one who is incompetent, as every one must admit who

will take the trouble to compare them. Cheap teachers can be had for the asking, but they teach falsehoods. Is it not better economy to pay higher wages, and have our children instructed in the truth? Our smaller schools might accomplish this result by taking advantage of the law, passed at the last session of the legislature, by which it is provided that districts, having less than twelve scholars to attend any term of school, may, by vote, send to other schools, and may appropriate a certain amount of the school money for conveying to and from school such pupils as live more than one mile and a half away.

The growing interest in the schools already mentioned, has, among other things, had the effect to lessen the number of absences, and the tardy-marks, which in former years so disfigured our registers, have very materially diminished. The registers have, for the most part, been very well filled out, but there is still room for improvement in that direction. Besides, the law requires prudential committees to withhold payment for services until a receipt is produced from the committee, stating that the register has been properly filled out.

The law allowing women to vote in school-district affairs takes effect this year, and it is hoped that the women of our town, who are so deeply interested in the welfare of our schools, will avail themselves of it, and thus the wisdom of the law be tested.

The usual statistical report has been omitted, for the reason that the new registers do not require teachers to return the number of pupils in each study, and we have no means of obtaining these facts. A partial report is given under each district.

Thanking you, fellow-citizens, for your hearty coöperation, we respectfully submit our report.

LUTHER SARGENT,
C. W. EMERY,
JOHN HAM,
} *S. S. Committee of Canterbury.*